

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-12, 17-18, 20, 25-27, 29, and 36-37 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 13-16, 19, 21-24, 28, 30-35, and 38-44 have been allowed. The Examiner has indicated that claims 20 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 20 and 29 have been rewritten, as suggested by the Examiner and are presented as claims 45 and 46.

Claims 45 and 46 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 13-16, 19, 21-24, 28, 30-35, and 38-46 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 20 and 29 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that claims 20 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 20 and 29 have been canceled and presented as new claims 45 and 46, respectively. Specifically, claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 45, in order to include all of the limitations of base claim 18, and claim 29 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 46, in order to include all of the limitations of base claim 27.

Additionally, the Examiner indicated claims 13-16, 19, 21-24, 28, 30-35, and 38-44 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Therefore, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

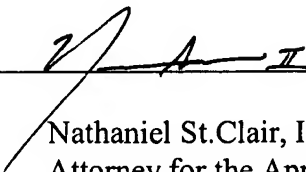
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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